

Amendment No. 1 to HB1345

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1779*

House Bill No. 1345

by deleting all language following the caption and by substituting instead the following language:

WHEREAS, the general assembly funded a joint solid waste study by Tennessee State University and Middle Tennessee State University to determine how to divert solid waste from landfills by finding a higher value use for solid waste as raw materials in business or compost and to protect the environment; and;

WHEREAS, the report from the study has been released; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee can generate businesses and jobs if solid waste is used as a raw material in business; and

WHEREAS, there are safe, practical methods to divert materials from landfills to protect the waters and people of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, some landfills require remedial attention because of degraded environment; and

WHEREAS, solid waste and landfills often create issues of environmental injustice; now therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee State University is directed to continue the solid waste study with authority to contract with colleges, schools, and private individuals within the terms of the legislation to determine how to find a higher value use for materials than landfilling, eliminate from the landfills food waste, yard waste, hazardous waste, chemicals, and other materials which decompose into a liquid or gas or which may make the landfill or leachate more toxic and the nature of the state solid waste stream.

SECTION 2. (a) The study shall:

(1) Determine how Class IV Construction and Demolition waste can be ground, mulched, crushed, or disposed of on the construction site;

(2) Determine the nature, amount, and source of hazardous waste in the solid waste stream and the construction and demolition waste stream;

(3) Illustrate how to use the raw materials in the waste stream for business and as compost;

(4) Identify states which have clear and concise regulations implementing such practices;

(5) Determine the municipal waste stream in Tennessee and the construction and demolition waste stream in Tennessee including sources of hazardous waste and materials which can be composted or otherwise diverted from the landfills;

(6) Evaluate transfer stations, drop-off points, and composting facilities to determine how waste can be diverted from landfills;

(7) Evaluate methods to remediate landfills which are polluted by hazardous waste, chemicals, solid waste, and construction and demolition waste.

(b) Tennessee State University shall report its findings and conclusions including any proposed legislation or interim report to the senate environment conservation, and tourism committee and the house conservation and environment committee beginning December 1, 2007 and as needed thereafter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring.